

## ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

5 An objective and reliable way of effecting the technical due diligence process associated with a corporate transaction uses a software analysis tool to extract information on the target entity's software assets, followed by performing at least one subsequent step in the transaction as a function of the extracted information. Also, a method of performing technical due  
10 diligence on a target entity having software assets, including providing software files to a software analysis tool and obtaining information on the target entity's software assets from the software analysis tool. Also, a method of facilitating a transaction involving an  
15 expanding entity and a target entity having software assets, including: a third party using a software analysis tool to extract information on the target entity's software assets; the third party providing the extracted information to the expanding entity; and the  
20 expanding entity performing at least one subsequent step in the transaction as a function of the information provided by the third party.